Subject No. 113.

Native Physicians for each Taluk.

Messrs. A Anniah Pandit, L. F. member, Mysore, and C. Srinivas Rau of Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—Government may be pleased to appoint for each taluk a native physician from among the candidates passing from the Mysore Indigenous Hospital and Medical Branch of the Maharaja's Sanskrit College and from among the local physicians who have an established reputation in medicine.

The pay of such a physician, including the medicine expenses, should not exceed Rs. 15, and the same may be paid out of Local Funds. Such men may be placed under the local Hospital Assistants.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 114.

Native System of Medicine.

Messrs C. Srinivasa Rao of Chikmagalur, Venkatakrishnaiya and A. Anniah Pandit of Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—Some rewards may be promised to Assistant Surgeons and Hospital Assistants to induce them to examine the native system of medicine and publish works thereon analysing the system and its effects. Government "noted" this representation at a previous meeting. It is requested that some definite action may be taken now, and that one qualified man out of those passing out of the Mysore Sanskrit College may be deputed to each district. English medicine is too costly, and many people have no faith in it.

Reply of Government.—The proposals will be favourably considered as opportunities and funds permit.

Subject No. 115.

Epidemic Diseases and Doctors.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao of Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—Medical opinion should no doubt be respected. But experiments are, however, made on the lives of people. In the place where the member comes from some 900 rupees worth of sulphur was burnt, and 10 cart-loads of lime were put into the river needlessly for disinfection purposes. As soon as the Hospital Assistant says there is cholera or plague a large number of houses are demolished, and people are put to great hardship by being compelled to evacuate and remove their things with them. Opinions of medical men should not be put in practice without some investigation as to their feasibility. The Village Sanitation Rules framed by Government are excellent; but instead of punishing people for infractions thereof, would it not be better to have a model village, and to institute a *temporary* Department for, say, 4 years to explain to raiyats the essentials and conditions of such a village?

Reply of Government.—Things are not usually done without consideration. The Government is also trying to learn the proper course, profiting by occasional mistakes. The suggestions of the member are noted for consideration.